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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the application of:

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Application No.: 10/702,096

Examiner: Unknown

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Group Art Unit: 3738

For: SEMI-BIOLOGICAL INTERVERTEBRAL DISC REPLACEMENT SYSTEM

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

The present amendment comprises the following sections:

A. Amendments to the Specification

D. Remarks

Please grant any extension of time necessary for entry; charge any fee due to Deposit Account No. 16-0631.

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

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